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SUBJECT: SYRIA: TITLE I RICE AND WHEAT PURCHASES

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1. AT MAY 22 MEETING WITH TAFCO'S DEP. MANAGING DIRECTOR FOUAD AL-SAYED, AGATT WAS INFORMED THAT TAFCO CONTRACTED WITH GARNAC GRAIN CO. FOR 10,500 METRIC TONS LONG GRAIN AZWYXQQNERP TONS MEDIUM GRAIN RICE WHICH APPEARS TO USE UP BUT NOT EXCEED PA'S \$9 MILLION. LETTER OF CREDIT OPENED ABOUT MAY 19 THRU MANUFACTURER HANOVER TRUST. TAFCO REPORTS GARNAC HAS INQUIRED IF TAFCO AGREEABLE TO SWITCHING 1,800 TONS FROM PACIFIC TO GULF PORTS. HAS GARNAC REQUESTED USDA APPROVAL FOR SWITCH? IF NOT, WHAT ACTION IF ANY AGATT TAKE?

2. AGATT ALSO CONTACTED SYRIAMAR TO SEE HOW OCEAN FREIGHT TENDERING PROGRESSING. SYRIAMAR IS RECEIVING BIDS MAY 23 FOR FOREIGN FLAG, WILL REVIEW MAY 24 AND EXPECTS TO AWARD MAY 25. FOREIGN FLAG TO BE USED FOR ALL RICE SHIPMENT AND ONE 25,000 TON WHEAT CONTRACT. ACCORDING TO SYRIAMAR, THEIR NEW YORK
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SHIPPING AGENT SCHENKERS RECEIVED USDA APPROVAL FOR 24,000 TONS

U.S. FLAG CHARTER, BUT WILL HAVE TO RETENDER FOR BLANACE U.S.
FLAG. WHEN AGATT ASKED IF SYRIAMAR INFORMED THAT TAFCO BEING
ASKED TO SWITCH 1,800 TONS RICE, SYRIAMAR SAID THEY KNEW NOTHING
ABOUT IT, AND IF SWITCH MADE THEN SYRIAMAR WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO
RETENDER FREIGHT. AGATT SUGGESTED SYRIAMAR CONTACT TAFCO ON
THIS MATTER WHICH THEY SAID THEY WOULD.
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